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Food and Drug Administration
New Orleans District Compliance

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4298 Elysian Fields Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70122

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WARNING LETTER NO.97-NOL-39

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Robert House
President
Houma Industries, Inc.
P.O. Box 685
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Dear Mr. House:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 1250), observed by a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your firm, Houma Marine Fabricators, 1100 Oak Street, Houma, Louisiana, 70360, on April 8, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection of this vessel watering point included the following:

- 1) No backflow prevention devices (check valves) for the potable and non-potable water hydrants on the service dock;
- 2) Potable and non-potable water hydrants are not identified for their intended use;
- 3) The outlets for the hydrants were less than 18" above the pier;
- 4) No cap and keeper chains on the hydrants.

Accordingly, we are classifying this watering point as **PROVISIONAL** for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies must be made by the expiration date. On or about that date, a reinspection of this facility will be conducted to assure that corrections meet FDA requirements.

If significant corrections are not made, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for interstate carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within ten (10) days, of the actions you have taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur. Your response should be directed to David J. LeRay, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3896.

Sincerely,



RG James E. Gamet
District Director
New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA 483

cc: Mr. O.E. Monnier
Vice President
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